

Illinois Main Street Architectural Services 2005 in Review Building Services



62 projects were completed for 25 communities

These renderings and recommendations are individually prepared by the Illinois Main Street architecture staff and are available free of charge to business and/or property owners of any property within the downtown district of a designated Illinois Main Street community.



Crumpet's Tea Room, Genoa

63 individual building site visits were performed in 20 communities

An on-site meeting with Illinois Main Street architecture staff, the local program's Executive Director, and the building owner provides a forum to discuss both interior and exterior design options, address questions, and identify maintenance issues.



Monticello business owner Debbie Hinds consults with Illinois Main Street's Anna Margaret Borntrager.

A selected list of projects implemented in 2005:

Olmstead's TV in Batavia, 108 N. Vermilion in Danville, Pattie Hummel Photography in Dixon, Askegaard's in Dixon, PLN Insurance Company in Dixon, 332 N. Main in Paris, Silver Dollar Antiques in Pittsfield, Pike County Visitors' Center in Pittsfield, ReUselt Center in St. Charles, Gloria's Christian Supply in Vandalia



Silver Dollar Antiques, Pittsfield

Momence building assessment

In cooperation with the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, Illinois Main Street architecture staff and two architects from the Chicago firm of Wiss Janney Elsner assessed almost 20 buildings in one day in Momence's downtown district. Recommendations were compiled into individual building reports that were shared with owners and the local Main Street organization.



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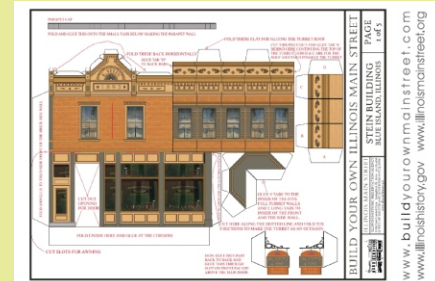
“Got Mesker?” initiative

To celebrate the work of two 19th-century architectural prefabrication companies whose work appears across the state, Illinois Main Street launched the “Got Mesker?” initiative. The web-based initiative, complete with finding guides, photographs, and a list of known Illinois examples, continues to generate national interest, with many local papers picking up the story.



Build Your Own and Color Your Own Main Street Buildings

Illinois Main Street produced the first two in a series of full-color scale models of Main Street buildings and the first three pages of a Main Street coloring book. Introduced at the 2005 Illinois State Fair, all five activities are downloadable from our website.



Annual Main Street Conference graphics program

The entire graphic identity of the 2005 statewide Main Street conference was developed and executed in-house. From signs to binders to maps, all conference material reinforced the theme of “Putting the Pieces Together” with icons within grids of colored squares.



Streetscape planning grants

In anticipation of coming rounds of transportation enhancement funding (TEA/LU), Illinois Main Street gave grants totaling \$25,000 to five Main Street communities to help pay for streetscape design drawings. The professionally developed drawings will allow Aledo, Cambridge, Marion, Orion, Paxton, and Pittsfield to more competitively apply for the limited available funds.



Marion Mayor Robert Butler and local manager Bob Stein accept a check from Illinois Main Street.

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A total of 30 architectural workshops were held in 24 towns

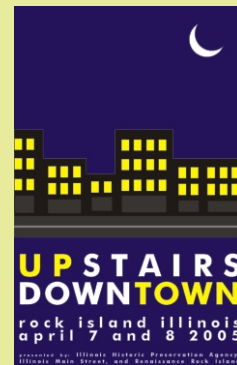
With a collective attendance of over 1300, Illinois Main Street architecture staff gave or participated in educational and advocacy sessions with a wide range of preservation topics, from basic maintenance to financial incentives to retail display information.



Illinois Main Street's Darius Bryjka addresses a group in Springfield.

Upstairs Downtown Conference

Held in Rock Island in April, the Upstairs Downtown Conference was conceived and organized by Illinois Main Street architectural staff. The conference brought together several national experts to address the reuse of vacant upper floors of Main Street buildings. Among the 125 registrants from 5 states were local code officials, elected officials, architects, building and business owners, and Main Street directors.



An upper-story residence in Danville.

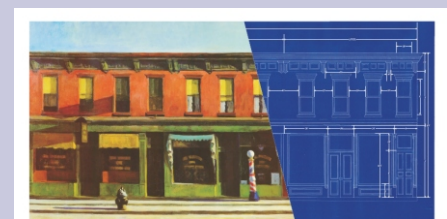
Improvements to the Illinois Main Street Architecture web site

Among the improvements are a downloadable archive of every Main Street design project since 1996, descriptions of all Architectural Services, educational materials, conference presentations, and descriptions and images of selected implemented projects.



Artists' Live-Work Project

In cooperation with Renaissance Rock Island, Illinois Main Street designed a 5-unit, 2 story building with galleries on the first floor and artists' living units above. The infill project will augment the city's growing arts district. The facade is directly based on Edward Hopper's 1930 canvas "Early Sunday Morning."



Live-Work Artist Residence
Rock Island, Illinois